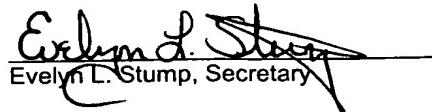


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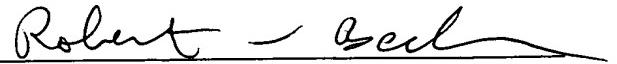
Applicants herewith file a Petition to make special the above-identified application, which is for an invention that materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind by contributing to the maintenance of the basic live-sustaining natural elements of air and water. In particular, the invention contributes to such maintenance by avoiding the use of toxic chlorinated hydrocarbons for cleaning methods, in contra distinction to what is done with prior art methods. This problem is outlined on page 1 of the specification of the instant application, in paragraph [0002], as well as in the first object stated on page 2 of the specification in paragraph [0003].

Especially in view of the long pendency of this application, Applicants respectfully

request granting of the instant petition.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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